



ELECTION OF MAYOR & VICE MAYOR



City Council Meeting
December 18, 2018

New Mayor & Vice Mayor to be Elected

Following the certification of election results, City Charter Sect. 6 requires that immediately following the induction of new Council members, the newly constituted Council elects one of its members to serve as Mayor for a two-year term. City Charter Sect. 15 and Sect. XII of the City Council Manual of Procedures and Protocols provides the process for the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Procedure

Section XII of the Manual of Procedures and Protocols establishes the following procedure for the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor:

- a. The Vice Mayor, as the Presiding Officer, will call for Mayor nominations.
- b. Each nomination must receive a second and be accepted by the nominee prior to a vote on the nomination.
- c. If only one Council Member has been nominated, the Presiding Officer shall declare that individual to be elected Mayor by unanimous consent. If two or more Council Members have been nominated, election of the Mayor will be by process of elimination.

Procedure (cont'd)

- d. If two or more Councilmembers have been nominated, election of the Mayor shall be by process of elimination.
- e. Once a single nominee receives a majority vote, the Presiding Officer shall declare that nominee the newly elected Mayor and then pass the gavel to the new Mayor.
- f. Following election of the new Mayor, the newly-elected Mayor calls for nominations for a new Vice Mayor using the same procedures outlined in (a) – (e) above.

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council elect a Mayor and Vice Mayor in accordance with Sections 6 and 15 of the Santa Rosa City Charter and Section XII of the City Council Manual of Procedures and Protocols.